

**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q95279

Naoko KIDA, et al.

Application No.: 10/581,911

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 8940

Examiner: Thane E UNDERDAHL

Filed: June 7, 2006

For: METHOD FOR THREE-DIMENSIONAL CARTILAGE TISSUE ENGINEERING  
USING BONE MARROW CELLS IN SIMULATED MICROGRAVITY  
ENVIRONMENT

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

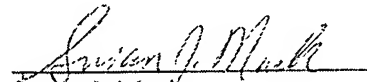
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 24, 2008 to April 24, 2009.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$490.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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Respectfully submitted,

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